

activities still would be confined to the exercise of "good office" in the dispute between Huerta and the United States. Whether these preliminary moves would develop into formal mediation could not be foreseen. Nevertheless, the envoys proceeded with hope that the parleying might result favorably and that their work eventually might embrace the whole range of Mexican affairs.

It yet there has been no formal basis of negotiation, the United States or Huerta not having set forth their demands. It was learned today from a high administration official that in all likelihood the United States would not confine itself now to a mere settlement of the incidents at Tampico, which provoked the present crisis, but would aim to bring about a solution of the whole Mexican problem so that it could recognize a constitutionally established government which would be able to restore tranquility in the southern republic.

Mexico Names Delegates.

Mexican Foreign Minister Ruiz has officially notified the Spanish embassy here, which is in charge of Mexican affairs, of the appointment of the Huerta delegates to meet with the mediating envoys. The dispatch said that the three delegates would be accompanied by Raphael Escobedo, as secretary of the mission.

The Colombian legation here has announced that the Colombian senate has passed a resolution deploring the conflict between the United States and Mexico, and expressing warm wishes for the success of mediation and for a peaceful and lasting settlement of all existing differences. The resolution was communicated to the mediating envoys.

RAISATACK ON TAMPICO GARRISON

Reported That Villa Expects to Wage Decisive Conflict With Federals.

Persistent reports from Tampico of preparations for a decisive conflict between the constitutionalists and federalists are attracting attention of the American officers here and at Vera Cruz. Constitutional representatives here have been notified of the arrival of their artillery at Tampico. This has been reported before beginning a general attack on the federal garrison there.

Admiral Badger reports that Admiral Mayo has informed him of a general belief at Tampico that Gen. Villa is on his way with reinforcements to the constitutionalists and intended to take and burn the city.

Admiral Mayo stated that he did not put the slightest faith in the truce supposed to have been arranged between the constitutionalists and federalists at Tampico. There has been no decisive result as far as he could learn, the report stated.

Battle in Vera Cruz Province.

Admiral Badger reported that constitutionalist forces made a sharp attack yesterday upon Mexican federal troops in the northwestern portion of the province of Vera Cruz and to the west of Tampico. There was no decisive result as far as he could learn, the report stated.

A large delegation from New York representing American oil interests at Tampico and headed by Charles W. Bates and Frederick Chapin, Washington attorneys, asked Secretary Bryan today what steps had been taken to protect the oil properties in the Tampico district, and urged Mr. Bryan to take immediate steps to safeguard any property thought to be in greater jeopardy than the others.

None of his conferees would discuss the nature of the discussion and Secretary Bryan would not disclose the property for which special protection was sought. He explained that while most of the interests represented by his visitors were American owned, one representative controlled an English-owned well.

Solicitous Regarding Refugees.

The delegation also wanted to know what protection would be accorded American refugees returning to Tampico. Mr. Bryan told them that Consul Miller had repudiated the American consulate under the promise of protection by the federal commander and that both of the warring factions in the Tampico had agreed not to attack the oil properties. He said he had been asked for an immediate report of the situation at Tampico.

LIVELY TILT OVER INQUIRY ON VILLA

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to find a senator on this floor in that state of mind."

Senator Lippitt interrupted: "Does the embargo on arms for the rebels in the port of Mexico mean anything to you?" he turned against the speaker.

"The senator can defend Huerta if he wishes," replied Senator Stone. "He can put his senatorial arms about him and hold him up as an deserving pirate. I am not defending either Huerta or Carranza. The doors were always open and never closed against Huerta."

Senator Stone said that if Senator Lippitt had confined his criticism as to the lifting of the embargo on arms to the Grande to a prediction as to what might happen if the United States goes to war with all Mexico he might have been in the right.

Resolution Laid on the Table.

"But so far," said he, "the people who have received these arms have made no demonstration of hostility against the United States and up to this time have maintained the strictest neutrality."

Senator Stone insisted that the resolution was "stilly" and moved to table it.

Senator Clark of Wyoming declared that newspapers gave senators their only information on the subject of Villa and his reported relations with this government and asked if Senator Stone would tell the Senate what he knew on this subject.

"I think I can assure the senator that the people are not appreciative that the President will commit or has committed the nation to any wrong act," replied Senator Stone.

"If Carranza and Villa care to prosecute the war they have declared on their part. I do not believe it is the intention of the administration or of this Congress and, with few exceptions, of the people of the United States, to start a war upon them," added Senator Stone.

"If they continue as they are now doing, I confess see no reason for not taking hostile action upon them. I do not think a hostile movement upon them will be made if they attend to their own affairs as they are now doing and as they declare to be their purposes to do."

With Senator Stone's explanation the debate ended and the resolution was laid on the table by a viva voce vote.

Lewis Nixon's Son Fined \$200.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., May 6.—Stanhope W. Nixon, until recently a prominent Yale student and a son of Lewis Nixon of New York, yesterday was found guilty of a breach of the peace, in connection with the assault of Edward W. Lippitt, chief executive of the Yale company, October 21 last. Judge O'Shea imposed a fine of \$200 and costs. Notice of an appeal was filed.

WHEN GEN. FUNSTON'S TROOPS RELIEVED ADMIRAL FLETCHER'S JACKIES AT VERA CRUZ.



Not since the arrival of the American bluejackets on that first memorable day of the battle of Vera Cruz was there so much excitement among the natives as on the appearance of the troops of Gen. Funston's command. The only difference was that the battle front was converted into a holiday appearance. From the balconies shaded by the ornamental striped awnings the natives, awakened from their slumber, watched the arrival of the khaki-clad members of the 5th Brigade. They arrived in the city at the heat of the day, when most of the shops and stores were closed while their proprietors were taking their naps. So many fighting men were never (in the memory of the oldest inhabitants) seen in the history of the city, and if anything was necessary, after what the jackies had accomplished, to impress the natives with the fighting force of Uncle Sam, it was done by the thousands of peering troopers, happy to be on terra firma again, who made the streets of the city ring with their military tread.

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Field Hospital No. 5 and Ambulance Company No. 5 are to be organized at Vera Cruz. The 1st Army Division, Tex. Maj. Conrad E. Koerber will command that field hospital and Capt. Samuel S. Crayton will command Ambulance Company No. 5.

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DECORATORS BUSY AT WHITE HOUSE

Blue Room Is Undergoing Final Preparations for McAdoo-Wilson Wedding.

PRESS TO BE BARRED FROM THE CEREMONY

Bride-to-Be Reluctant to Have the Affair Given Publicity—Tourists Not Admitted Today.

Some of Which Are Adopted.

The session this morning of the final day for the annual meeting of the Federation of Women's Clubs today was devoted to the consideration of the constitution and by-laws. Many changes of the constitution were adopted, while other changes were deemed too radical a departure.

The question of changing the date of the annual meeting from May to October of the morning. After many minutes of discussion the motion was lost, 50 to 31. The annual meeting is to be held in May, as heretofore, but an amendment was passed to the effect that the election of officers should be for a term of two years beginning with 1915, and to be held every odd year.

Meetings for Business Only.

It was decided that the regular meetings of the federation for October, December and March shall be for business and executive board work only, while all other meetings shall be for club reports. In connection with this measure, it was stated by many of the delegates that there are too many committee reports, and not enough reports of the actual work of the clubs.

Debate was had upon the question of introducing a primary ballot for nominations. The motion was lost 48-25. It being decided that the present system of nominations from the floor is good enough to be retained—at least for awhile.

"If we stand for a democratic organization we must stand for nominations from the floor," said Mrs. M. E. Davis. This statement was perhaps the most loudly applauded utterance of the morning.

Amendment Defeated.

An amendment offering to deprive the ten past presidents of the federation of their votes in the federation was defeated. The idea was to make a single past president and give its chairman a vote instead of allowing them all to vote as at present.

Mrs. Ellis Logan, president of the federation, presided. Those most active in the discussion included Mrs. Mary Lockwood, Mrs. Laura Graddick and Dr. Ludlow. The morning session was opened by a roll call of the delegates.

Miss Wilson Goes to Circus.

Miss Wilson suspended her wedding preparations long enough yesterday afternoon to take the younger children of Secretary McAdoo and Mary Tumulty, daughter of secretary to the president, to the circus. They motored out to the grounds in the White House machine, and stopped en route to buy two balloons.

Very few of the throng recognized Miss Wilson, and the children fed the animals peanuts and drank lemonade to their hearts' content.

Miss Wilson wore one of her trousseau suits of blue serge, with black satin collar and cuffs, and a smart black straw hat trimmed with two curling quills.

Girlhood Chum to Be Present.

Miss Ruth Hall, chum and intimate of Miss Wilson, is to go to the White House this afternoon to be a guest there over night. She will, of course, attend the wedding tomorrow evening. Miss Hall, who is probably the closest chum of the bride-to-be, dates her friendship with her back to their girlhood acquaintance in Princeton. Last year Mrs. Hall, who is the widow of an army officer, came to Washington to live. Miss Hall is a

The happiest bunch of youngsters one ever laid eyes on were the departing Jackies and the arriving troopers of Gen. Funston's command, come to relieve the former. To the tune of stirring martial music the sailor boys, with battle flags flying, came marching down to the quay where but a short time ago they landed and seized the principal seaport of Mexico. In the foreground are the boys from the battleship Florida, the first to land. Behind them are the Jackies from the San Francisco. Over in the left background is the Hotel Terminal, where Admiral Fletcher had made his headquarters and where Gen. Funston is now installed. On the right are the close houses and railroad terminal, and in the center background is the tower from which Mexican sharpshooters sent the death-dealing bullets which closed the lives of those brave boys of ours who died in the first day's battle. The scene which is shown here is being enacted at the foot of the Avenida de Independencia, the main street of Vera Cruz.

charming girl, and recently took part in a charity benefit at the Belasco Theater. Miss Eleanor Wilson occupied a box and applauded her friend's efforts. Miss Hall spent the intervals between Mrs. Wilson's box.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wilson of Baltimore are expected to arrive here tomorrow. Rev. Sylvester W. Beach of Princeton, who is to perform the marriage ceremony, and who also officiated at the marriage of Miss Jessie Wilson and Mr. Sayre, is expected to arrive in the capital tomorrow afternoon, as well as the other out-of-town guests. Five extra secret service men reached Washington today, and have been detailed for duty at the White House until after the wedding.

To Wear Formal Evening Dress.

Decision has been reached that the bridegroom, the President and the guests at the wedding shall wear formal evening dress. This question has been one that caused much discussion as the wedding being an informal affair it was difficult to decide as to the dress of the guests, men as well as women.

Today the blue room and the big east-room of the White House, where the wedding will be held, were decorated with palms, the only touch of color being the blue and pink costumes of the bride's attendants.

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Procession of Wedding Party.

The wedding party will be led down the main stairway by Col. Harts and the rest of the White House aids in full uniform. They will be closely followed by Miss Sayre, as maid of honor, and the President will escort Miss Eleanor Wilson, and they will be preceded by Mrs. Sayre and Miss Margaret Wilson and Miss Nancy Lane. Dr. Cary Grayson and Mr. John A. Wilson, who are to be the best man and the groom's father, will follow.

Annual Convention of Episcopal Diocese

The annual convention of the Episcopal diocese of Washington opened at St. Margaret's Church, Connecticut avenue and Bancroft place, today for a session of two days. Rt. Rev. Alfred Harding, Bishop of Washington, presided, the feature of the opening session being the reading of the report of the diocesan missions to be discussed.

Ladies of the Rector's Aid Society served luncheon to the delegates today, and will also serve luncheon tomorrow.

The diocese of Washington includes the District of Columbia and parts of Maryland and Virginia, and representatives are attending the conference from practically every Episcopal church throughout the diocese.

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BECKER COURT FOR A SECOND TRIAL

Is Denied at Once by Justice Seabury.

STORY OF POLICE GRAFT LIKELY TO BE UNCOVERED

Some of Witnesses at Former Trial Not on District Attorney Whitman's List.

NEW YORK, May 6.—Charles Becker, once a lieutenant in the New York police department, was today placed on trial for the second time for the murder of the gambler, Herman Rosenthal, on July, 1912. Notwithstanding that the crime was committed nearly two years ago, public interest in the case appeared hardly less acute than at the first trial, when Becker and the four gunmen were found guilty. Becker was granted a new trial by a higher court.

At the outset of the proceedings today the defense attacked what it characterized as District Attorney Whitman's practice of "talking to the newspapers" to the detriment of their client's case. For this reason they asked a change of venue. This the court denied, and the selection of the jury was begun. By noon thirteen talesmen had been called and eliminated, and one juror had been accepted by both sides. The juror was Edith Blagden, a bond broker and for two years a student at the Harvard law school.

Becker Appears Nervous.

Becker, dressed with care, and apparently in better health than when brought down from the death house at Sing Sing after the court of appeals decision, sat with his wife in the counsel table, and followed closely the inquisition of talesmen. He seemed slightly nervous when he first took his seat, but in half an hour regained his composure he maintained during the first trial.

Admission to the courtroom was by ticket only and hundreds were turned away at the doors. It was 10:37 when Justice Seabury opened the court. Shortly afterward Becker was brought in. Burke Cockran of counsel for the defense, immediately tendered a preliminary motion in contempt for "having made statements to the press, to the detriment of the public interest." The motion was denied for the time being, but the court agreed to hear arguments on it later.

Asks Change of Venue.

Mrs. Cockran then asked for a change of venue. Again he censured the district attorney for talking about the case for the benefit of "the newspapers," attacking particularly statements attributed to the district attorney concerning a jury committed in the eleventh hour, an attempt to save the gunmen. Mr. Cockran presented affidavits from newspaper men and others to the effect that the district attorney had been guilty of a conspiracy to save the gunmen. Mr. Cockran presented affidavits from newspaper men and others to the effect that the district attorney had been guilty of a conspiracy to save the gunmen.

To Bare Story of Graft.

There were early indications that Mr. Whitman intends to go fully into the graft phase of the case. Among the prospective witnesses for the state as called out by the clerk were Rhinelandt Waldo, former commissioner of police; Winfield Sheehan, his secretary; all the heads of the department as constituted at present; the wife of one of the four gunmen, the dead gunman, and an assortment of gamblers and characters in the tangle.

There will be no pre-trial sessions, but court will be held Saturdays. Nearly 100 witnesses have been subpoenaed by the state and the defense. Many of the witnesses are of questionable character, but by the district attorney. It is not believed that Sam Schepps, one of the principal informers at the previous trial, will be called. Mr. Schepps, a gambler, has been discovered, and it has been intimated that several of the witnesses at the first trial will change their testimony at the second trial. A gambler named Cohen, who testified for the defense at the first trial, has, according to rumor, come over to the side of the prosecution, and will support Schepps as a corroborating witness concerning an alleged meeting between Becker and the conspirators prior to the murder.

Story of the Crime.

The crime for which Becker stands indicted occurred early in the morning of July 10, 1912, and was the result of a stir among factions of gamblers. He returned from New York as a prizefighter, and was in an uproar of resentment against police laxity in dealing with crimes that returned profit, and against a gambler who was a friend of the district attorney Whitman with a tale involving Becker. In the language of the tenderloin, he "squealed" July 10 he was supposed to go again to the office of the district attorney and complete his "squeal" by furnishing evidence against Becker and the conspirators.

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